

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims

21. A computing environment comprising:

- a) an origin resource coupled to a network for transmitting an entrusted program designed to accomplish at least one activity on behalf of a user;
- b) a verification resource coupled to said network;
- c) a destination resource, coupled to said network, for responding to said entrusted program after receipt of an indication of verification;

wherein said verification resource comprises means for verifying said entrusted program and providing said destination resource with said indication of verification..

22. The computing environment wherein said verification resource is a trusted resource coupled to said network.

23. The computing environment of claim 21, wherein the network is an Internet.

24. The computing environment of claim 21, wherein the network operates using World Wide Web protocols.

25. A computing environment comprising a plurality of sites connected on a network, said sites comprising:

- a) an originating site comprising means for sending over said network, an entrusted program designed to accomplish at least one activity on behalf of a user at a destination site;
- b) a trusted verification site comprising means for identifying the entrusted program and for sending a verification notice to said originating site and a destination site;

wherein said destination site comprises means for processing said entrusted program in response to said verification notice.

26. The computing environment of claim 25 wherein said trusted verification site is part of said destination site of claim 25.

27. The computing environment of claim 25 wherein said network is an Internet.

28. The environment of claim 25, wherein the network

operates using World Wide Web protocols.

29. A method for achieving a result over a trusted computer network connecting a plurality of resources, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) transmitting from an origin resource, an entrusted program designed to accomplish at least one activity on behalf of a user at a destination resource;
- b) receiving and verifying said entrusted program at a verification resource; and upon verification of said entrusted program, processing said entrusted program to perform said at least one activity.

30. The method of claim 29 wherein said user is located at said origin resource.